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**Canadian Citizen Found Guilty on Immigration and False Statement Charges**

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced that, following a 2-day bench trial at U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine, which ended on March 5, 2007, **Dean Raymond Carter**, 36, of Newfoundland, Canada, was found guilty of Attempted Illegal Re-Entry Into United States After Deportation/Removal, and False Statements. Carter faces a possible sentence of not more than 2 years and a fine of not more than \$250,000 on one count and not more than 5 years and a fine of not more than \$250,000 on the second count.

Court records and trial testimony revealed that in November 2006 Carter and his American wife attempted to enter the United States and were subject to secondary inspection at the Ferry Point Bridge Port of Entry in Calais, Maine. When asked by a Border Protection Officer, Carter denied he had any criminal record. The Border Protection Officers determined that Carter had been refused entry in to the United States at Lewiston, New York in July 2005 due to his criminal record; that he has multiple misdemeanor convictions in Florida; that he had been ordered removed from the United States in Buffalo, New York in October 2005 for falsely claiming to be a U.S. citizen; and that Carter has an active warrant in Canada.

Because of Carter's criminal history and prior removal, he was required to apply to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services for permission to reapply for admission into the United States. Carter had not received that permission and, even though he had started the application process, Carter's Application to Reenter the U.S. was eventually denied.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the United States Department of Homeland Security U.S. Customs and Border Protection and the United States citizenship and Immigration Services.

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